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1. The Inspectorate General of Customs (Hai Kuan Tsung Shui Wu Szu Ssu) (海關總稅務司署) is at 6, First Lane, Tung Chiao Min Hsiang (東交民巷), Peiping. It is organized as follows; and has the following personnel:

Inspector General: KUNG Yuan (孔原)

Deputy Inspector General: TING Kuei-t'ang (丁貴堂)

Administration: KAO Shang-neng (高尚能)

Secretariats:

Personnel: HSU Ming (許明)

General Affairs: CH'EN Ch'iung-k'un (陳瓊琨)

Finance: CH'EN T'ieh-pao (陳鐵保)

Statistics: LIN Ts-ch'i (林大琪)

Investigation: YIN Chih-yüeh (殷之毓)

Tariff: WU Yao-ch'i (吳耀琪)

2. The functions of the secretariats and of the Administration office are the following:

- a. General Affairs: supervision and maintenance of property, buildings, etc., under Customs jurisdiction; arrangements for quartering the Customs staff; general administrative functions.
- b. Personnel: supervision and control of all personnel in the Customs service in China; maintenance of personnel records; progress reports and grading of employees in connection with their political indoctrination. The Secretariat is composed exclusively of Communist Party members.

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- c. Finance: collection of Customs revenues; staff payrolls; determination and allocation of funds to all Customs offices in China; control of the Customs budget.
 - d. Statistics: tabulation of all imports and exports; publication of monthly figures.
 - e. Tariff: determination of import and export tariffs, duty rates, etc.
 - f. Investigation: investigation of smuggling activities, petty thievery, bribery, etc. This secretariat is composed exclusively of Communist Party members.
 - g. Marine: supervision, maintenance, and operation of all Customs vessels.
 - h. Freight Administration: Supervision of cargoes in warehouses.
 - i. Administration: highly confidential and little-known activities; believed handling of all security matters, security checks on individual members of the Customs staff; known supervision of political indoctrination lectures and publications given staff employees. All employees of this secretariat are long-time members of the Chinese Communist Party.
3. Monthly salaries of the staff, in terms of catties of millet, are as follows: Inspector General, 1,200; deputy general, 1,100; chief of a secretariat, 800 to 1,000; department or section chief, 400 to 800; and clerks, 240 to 400.
4. For each shipment of goods through any port in China an application must be addressed to the Inspectorate General and submitted to a Customs office. This application contains a tariff number representing the type of goods, the country of origin, and the weight of the goods. The duty rate, the duty-paying value, and the amount of duty are filled in after all statements are checked. The duty-paying value and the amount of duty are stated in United States dollars.
5. Description of the leading personnel of the Inspectorate General in Peiping follows:
- a. CH'EN T'ieh-pao: Chief of the Financial Secretariat, with the Customs Service for ten years; member of the Democratic League. During the Japanese occupation, CH'EN was with the Customs Service in Chungking. In 1945 he moved to Shanghai and became a minor official in the Finance Department, under CH'EN Ch'ung-k'un. He rose rapidly after the fall of Shanghai in May 1949 and moved to Peiping in December as head of the Financial Secretariat, while CH'EN was demoted to deputy chief of the General Affairs Secretariat. CH'EN is married to SUN Tui-ho (孫瑞和), an employee in the Statistical Secretariat, who moved to Peiping from Shanghai in February 1950. Members of the Customs Service attribute CH'EN's rapid rise to his previous services to the Communist Party, for he is believed to have worked as an agent.
 - b. HSU Ming: Chief of the Personnel Secretariat, wife of Inspector General KUNG Yuan. About 32 or 33 years old, she has been a member of the CCP since 1936, is active politically, and gives lectures on Communism. She controls all Customs personnel and is considered second in importance to her husband in the Customs Service. They live on the premises of the Customs Office, at Number 6, First Lane, Tung Chiao Lin Hsiang (東交民巷), Peiping. HSU went to Shanghai in January 1950, when it had been decided to move the headquarters of the Inspectorate General from Shanghai to Peiping. She talked to the Shanghai staff and requested them to continue working for the Customs Service and to move to the new office in Peiping. HSU is about five feet tall, slender, with a long thin face, sunken cheeks, high cheekbones, and bright piercing eyes.

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- c. KAO Shang-neng: Chief of Administration, handles all confidential matters for KUNG Yuan and acts as his strong-arm man. KAO, a member of the CCP, was with the Communist army before the occupation of Peiping in February 1949. In early 1950, when an employee of the Canton Customs Office was accused of squeeze, KUNG Yuan dispatched KAO to handle the matter.
- d. KUNG Yuan: Inspector General of Customs, member of the CCP. KUNG studied in the USSR in 1939 and 1940 and speaks Russian fluently. Before the Communist occupation of Peiping, he was an official in the Finance Department of the CCP Political Section. In February 1949, he became Inspector General of Customs and established the head office in Peiping. He has been married once before; in 1945 he married HSU Ling, his second wife, in Yenan. They have two children, born in 1946 and 1948. KUNG is 5'8" tall and of medium build; he wears metal-rimmed glasses and is balding and of neat appearance.
- e. LIN Ta-ch'i: Chief of the Statistical Secretariat. A man of 55 with over thirty years in the Customs Service, he is believed to have joined the CCP within the last year. He was in Chungking during the Japanese occupation and retired from the Customs Service after the war, but with the Communist occupation of Peiping, he returned from Hong Kong, where he had been residing. He obtained his present position in 1949. LIN gives the impression of being an ardent Communist. His son was executed by the KMT in May 1949 in Chekiang Province as a Communist agent.
- f. SHIH: Chief of the Freight Administration Secretariat. He has been a member of the CCP for some years and was with the Communist army before the occupation of Peiping; he assumed his Customs post at the time of the occupation. SHIH's wife, WEI Wen (魏文), also a CCP member, was formerly with the Communist guerrillas and is employed in the Personnel Secretariat under HSU Ling.
- g. TING Kuei-t'ang: Deputy Inspector General. TING, who is not a CCP member, has been in the Customs Service thirty odd years and was, until May 1949, Deputy of L. K. Little; he is over 60. TING moved to Peiping in December 1949 at the request of the Communists. He has no power and is kept on in the service by KUNG Yuan as an adviser until KUNG can become more acquainted with customs procedure.
- h. CH'EN Ch'ung-k'un: Deputy chief of the General Affairs Secretariat. The chief of this section, name unknown, is in Canton serving as head of the Customs Office there. CH'EN, 55, has spent over thirty years in the Customs Service. During the Japanese occupation, he was with the service in Chungking, and in 1945 he moved to Shanghai as head of the Finance Department. With other members of the Shanghai office, he moved to Peiping in February 1950 and was transferred to the position in the General Affairs Secretariat. CH'EN is not a member of the CCP nor pro-Communist but remained in the service at the request of the Communist directors.
- i. WU Yao-ch'i: Chief of the Tariff Secretariat. He is about 50 and has spent 28 years in the Customs Service. He was head of the Tariff Department in Shanghai in 1946 and retained the position when he moved, on Communist instructions, to Peiping in November 1949. He is not a Communist.
- j. YIN Chih-yueh: Chief of the Investigation Secretariat. During the Japanese occupation, he was in the Customs Service in Chungking. From 1945 to 1949, he and his wife YU Ch'ung-i (余崇一), both CCP members, were active in Communist guerrilla work. Their exact movements are unknown, although they both allegedly left Hong Kong in May 1949 for Peiping, where YIN assumed his position in the Investigation Secretariat. YU Ch'ung-i is employed in the Customs Service, in the Personnel Secretariat, where she is second to HSU Ling.

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25X1A *** ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Comment. L. K. Little was Inspector General in Shanghai after the war.

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